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Qld Stats is currently being redeveloped with several changes occurring as part of this issue. The changes are mostly in presentation, with no significant change to content. Future issues will contain further changes.



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About this Release

Qld Stats is an electronic magazine containing an overview of Queensland's key economic and social indicators presented in graphs, tables and analytical summaries with links to more detailed products. Qld Stats also contains news of seminars, releases and other matters of statistical interest for Queensland.

Qld Stats replaces Queensland Key Statistics (cat. no. 1388.3) and Statistical Update, Queensland (cat. no. 1316.3). These two products have been discontinued.

Qld Stats is issued monthly, after the release of Labour Force data, with tables and graphs updated to the latest available data. Analytical summaries are included when available.

Readers can get further information, including Explanatory Notes, on each of the topics by using the links to source materials contained on each page.

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ABS NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

NatStats 2010 Conference



NatStats 2010 Conference

15-17 September 2010 Darling Harbour Sydney

The Australian Bureau of Statistics and the National Statistical Service are pleased to announce that Prof Paul Cheung, Director of the United Nations Statistics Division, will be opening the second day of sessions at the upcoming NatStats 2010 Conference. Prof Cheung will also be speaking as part of a detailed panel discussion titled, "Measuring progress: from theory to practice", alongside Dr David Gruen, Director of the Macro-Economic Group at the Treasury.

Dr Ken Henry, Secretary to the Treasury, will deliver the opening plenary address at the conference and the Hon Dr Geoff Gallop AC, Director of the Graduate School of Government at the University of Sydney, will deliver a presentation focused around improving the wellbeing of Australians.

Other NatStats 2010 key note speakers include Ms Martine Durand, Chief Statistician and Director of the OECD Statistics Directorate, and Mr Phil Lowe, Assistant Governor (Economic) of the Reserve Bank of Australia, who will be examining some of the changes we can expect to witness

in the global economy over the next 50 years.

NatStats 2010, an initiative of the National Statistical Service, will be held at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour, from 15 - 17 September 2010.

The conference will bring together an array of leaders and high profile commentators, researchers and policy makers from all levels of government, academia, community and business. This significant event was initiated to assist in the development of a collaborative approach to national statistics. It focuses on various issues surrounding quantitative and qualitative research, which have been highlighted by key government initiatives.

The overall theme of this year's conference is, "Measuring what counts: economic development, wellbeing and progress in 21st century Australia". Delegates will discuss issues surrounding various topics including;

1. Challenges facing Australian society: issues, policy and information.
2. Australia in the global economy.
3. Improving Australians' wellbeing.
4. Measuring progress: from theory to practice.

NatStats 2010 will build on the success of the first NatStats Conference held in 2008, where around 480 delegates attended. A major outcome of the 2008 conference was the tabling of a statistical declaration to guide the development of a national statistical strategy for Australia in the 21st century.

An exciting program is being developed and will address a range of pertinent issues relating to national statistics, particularly in regards to where improvements in statistics, or to the broader statistical system, should be made in order to support an effective response.

Conference registrations will be opening soon. Please feel free to visit the NatStats 2010 website for further information.

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Education News, April 2010

Education News, April 2010 (cat. no. 1330.0) was released on 12 April 2010.

This newsletter highlights the latest curriculum related teaching resources, student activities and statistical tools that have been developed by ABS Education Services as well as other ABS resources that are useful for schools.

Items in this issue include:

- CensusAtSchool News - the 2010 CensusAtSchool questionnaire is now open and CensusAtSchool Australia is now on Facebook
- On-line video tutorials for teachers
- New animated Indigenous population pyramid.

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Migrant Statistics News, Apr 2010

Migrant Statistics News, Apr 2010 (cat. no. 3413.0) was released on 13 April 2010.

Migrant Statistics News is the half-yearly newsletter of the National Migrant Statistics Unit. The newsletter highlights developments in migrant and ethnicity related statistics, and provides relevant information for researchers, policy makers, service providers and others with an interest in this field.

Items in this issue include:

- A review of the migrant data matrices
- Future directions for ABS migration statistics.

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National Regional Profile, 2004 to 2008

National Regional Profile, 2004 to 2008 (cat. no. 1379.0.55.001) was released on 29 April 2010.

The National Regional Profile (NRP) presents, for all Australia, a range of data for various types of small regions. Data are available for Local Government Areas, Statistical Local Areas and other larger geographies.

The NRP is intended for users interested in the characteristics of regions and in comparing regions across Australia. Data are presented as a five year time series, where available. These data are organised under the broad topics of Economy, Population/People, Industry, and Environment/Energy. Data for individual regions are available in web pages, Excel spreadsheets, and all regions are in a SuperTABLE data cube. Users can search for a region using the region name or by using a map.

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INSTITUTIONAL ENVIRONMENT

For information on the institutional environment of the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), including the legislative obligations of the ABS, financing and governance arrangements, and mechanisms for scrutiny of ABS operations, please see ABS Institutional Environment.

Other than new motor vehicle sales and housing finance, all data published in Qld Stats is collected under the Census and Statistics Act. The New Motor Vehicle Sales statistics are compiled for publication using data provided by the Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries (FCAI). The collection is known as VFACTS and is based on retail sales by all FCAI member companies. The ABS calculates seasonally adjusted and trend series for publication in New Motor Vehicle Sales. For housing finance, the majority of the data are collected by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) under the Financial Sector (Collection of Data) Act 2001, whilst the ABS collects data from lenders not required to report to APRA.

RELEVANCE

The aim of Qld Stats is to provide information relevant to Queenslanders. Most of the data are presented at the state level. Population data from Regional Population Growth, Australia are presented annually in Qld Stats at statistical division level. Finer levels of disaggregation are available in the publication.

TIMELINESS

Data published in Qld Stats are taken from the ABS web site for each collection and these data represent the most recent available indicators in each topic group.

ACCURACY

Details on the accuracy of each series included in Qld Stats can be found in the individual source publications. Where available, the relevant Quality Declaration, Explanatory Notes or Technical Note should be referred to for specific details about data quality. Revisions can occur in source publications at some point of time after release. These revisions may or may not be reflected in Qld Stats, depending on the date of original inclusion in Qld Stats.

COHERENCE

Most series can be compared with similar series published by the ABS as definitions are uniform but careful investigation may be needed. Differences between series (where applicable) are available from the Explanatory Notes of the source publications.

INTERPRETABILITY

Data in Qld Stats may be shown as either original, seasonally adjusted or trend series and the types of data series are clearly stated.

Seasonal adjustment removes the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the original time series estimates. This is done to reveal the underlying non-seasonal features of the series. The smoothing of seasonally adjusted estimates to produce trend estimates reduces the impact of the volatile component of the seasonally adjusted series.

Please refer to Quality Declaration, Explanatory Notes, Glossary or Technical Note within each source publication to find further information about data sources, terminology and other aspects of the series.

ACCESSIBILITY

Qld Stats is an electronic publication containing summary information about a range of ABS releases, including links to the source publications. All ABS published data are available free of charge on the ABS web site and may include .PDF files and data cubes which often include similar data for all states and territories.

If the information you require is not available as a standard product or service, ABS Consultancy Services can help you with customised services to suit your needs. Inquiries should be made to the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070.

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